

AN ORDINANCE BY

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TO AMEND CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE V, DIVISION 1, SECTION 14-131 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSING AND REGULATION OF ADULT DANCEHALLS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Atlanta has a significant interest in maintaining and assuring the public safety for all the City of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta desires to clarify the provisions governing dancehalls in the City of Atlanta and define the conditions under which these entities will operate in the City of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2000 the Council of the City of Atlanta adopted an ordinance, which was subsequently approved by the Mayor of the City of Atlanta on December 12, 2000, to allow adult dancehalls to operate within the City of Atlanta under its current ordinances until March 31, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta needs more time in order to develop a comprehensive regulatory framework to govern adult dancehalls for the safety and welfare of the City of Atlanta, its citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta wishes to allow the adult dancehall industry more time to review and comment on any new ordinance(s) the City may adopt regulating their industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS as follows:

Section 1. Amend Section 14-131 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta so as to delete the last two sentences in the Section and insert in lieu thereof new language which shall state as follows:

Any person granted a new or renewal license under this Article during the calendar year 2001 shall be issued a license effective only for the period of January 1, 2001 through May 31, 2001. All annual fees provided for adult dancehalls shall be prorated accordingly.